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SUBJ: SEVEN MORE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ACTIVISTS DETAINED;
BILKO BEING DETAINED UNDER SEC.6 OF TERRORISM ACT

REF: PRETORIA 4300 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY - APPARENT CRACKDOWN ON BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT
CONTINUES AS POLICE DETAINED SIX MORE BPC/SASO MEMBERS IN
EASTERN CAPE AND ONE IN CAPE TOWN. POLICE REPORTEDLY HAVE
SAID THAT BPC LEADERS STEVE BIKO AND P.C. JONES ARE BEING
HELD UNDER SECTION 6 OF TERRORISM ACT WHICH PERMITS DETENTION
UP TO 180 DAYS. END SUMMARY

1. BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC) MEMBER IN KING WILLIAMS
TOWN (KWT) CONFIRMED TO CONGENOFF TODAY (AUGUST 26) THAT
SIX MORE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ACTIVISTS WERE DETAINED RECENTLY
IN EASTERN CAPE AND ONE IN CAPE TOWN. DETAINED YESTERDAY WAS
MRS. NOHLE MOHAPI, WIDOW OF DECEASED DETAINEE MAPETHLA MOHAPI,
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(PRETORIA 5791) WHO HAD BEEN WORKING AS SECRETARY AT OFFICES OF
BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (BCP) IN KWT. ALSO DETAINED IN KWT
WERE TWO OTHER BCP SECRETARIES, MISS NOSIPHO KETI AND MISS
XOLISWA NQABENI AND REGIONAL SECRETARY OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS
ORGANIZATION (SASO) JEFF MAQETHUKA. SOURCE SAID POLICE SEARCHED
BOTH BCP AND SASO OFFICES AND REMOVED TYPEWRITERS, DUPLICATING
MACHINES, STENCILS AND DOCUMENTS. POLICE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT

MRS. MOHAPI BEING DETAINED UNDER SECTION 6 OF TERRORISM ACT.
BASIS FOR DETENTION OF OTHER THREE NOT YET KNOWN. OTHER RECENT
DETENTIONS INCLUDE WELLINGTON SOBANDLA FROM PORT ELIZABETH,
LENNOX MAKAPELE FROM MDANTSANE TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE EAST LONDON AND
IN CAPE TOWN JOHN ISSEL FORMER WESTERN CAPE CHAIRMAN OF SASO WHO
WAS BANNED IN 1975.

2. SOURCE SAID POLICE HAVE NOW CONFIRMED THAT STEVE BIKO,
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF BPC AND PETER JONES, REGIONAL EXECUTIVE
MEMBER OF BPC ARE BEING HELD IN PORT ELIZABETH ALSO UNDER SECTION
6 OF TERRORISM ACT WHICH PERMITS DETENTION UP TO 180 DAYS. THEY
ARE NOT RPT NOT BEING HELD UNDER INTERNAL SECURITY ACT WHICH
WOULD PRESUMABLY BE THE CASE IF POLICE INTENDED TO CHARGE BIKO
WITH VIOLATION HIS BANNING ORDER AS WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO
BE THE CASE (REFTEL). IN VIEW OF TOUGH LINE BEING TAKEN BY
JUSTICE MINISTER KRUGER AND OTHERS TOWARD BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS
MOVEMENT (CAPE TOWN 1247) AND INABILITY TO GET COURT
CONVICTIONS AGAINST BIKO IN EARLIER CASES (CAPE TOWN
1110) IT WILL COME AS NO RPT NO SURPRISE IF SAG DECIDES TO
REMOVE BIKO AND OTHERS FROM CIRCULATION FOR MORE EXTENDED
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